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SUBJECT: HONDURAN CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT - PRESS GUIDANCE

1.FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED TODAY, APRIL 23, FOR DEPT.  
SPOKESMAN. NO QUESTION AROSE IN BRIEFING.

2. Q. DID THE UNITED STATES HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE  
CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN HONDURAS ON APRIL 22?

A. NO.

Q. WAS THE USG AWARE THAT LOPEZ WAS GOING TO BE REMOVED  
FROM OFFICE?

A. NO.

Q. DID THE U.S. EMBASSY WARN LOPEZ?

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A. NO.

Q. WAS THE UNITED BRANDS SCANDAL THE CAUSE OF LOPEZ'  
OUSTER?

A. IT MAY WELL HAVE BEEN A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR, ALTHOUGH

THERE WERE SOME CHANGES IN THE ARMED SERVICES NEAR THE CHIEF OF STATE THE WEEK BEFORE THE UNITED BRANDS MATTER BROKE.

Q. HAS THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED THE NEW HONDURAN GOVERNMENT?

A. AS OF THIS MORNING THE EMBASSY HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY FORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOH. HOWEVER, IN CASES SUCH AS THIS WHERE THE ONLY CHANGE IS IN THE HEAD OF STATE, OUR PRACTICE HAS BEEN THAT NO QUESTION OF RECOGNITION ARISES. WE DESIRE TO CONTINUE CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY.

Q. DOES THIS IMPLY U.S. APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE?

A. NO. THIS APPROACH IS CONSISTENT WITH SENATE RESOLUTION 205 OF 1969 SUPPORTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHICH STATES THAT "WHEN THE U.S. RECOGNIZES A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND EXCHANGES DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES WITH IT, THIS DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE U.S. APPROVED OF THE FORM, IDEOLOGY, OR POLICY OF THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

Q. WHAT EFFECTS IS THIS CHANGE LIKELY TO HAVE ON U.S.-HONDURAN RELATIONS?

A. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL CAUSE ANY CHANGE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS WHICH ALWAYS HAVE BEEN CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY.

Q. HAS A LEFTIST GROUP NOW TAKEN CONTROL IN HONDURAS?

A. I HAVE SEEN PRESS ACCOUNTS CHARACTERIZING AS 'LEFTISTS' SOME MEMBERS OF THE HONDURAN SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL, WHICH EFFECTED THE CHANGE OF PERSONNEL IN HONDURAS. WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR SHARING THAT JUDGMENT.

Q. IS THE U.S. COOPERATING WITH THE SPECIAL HONDURAN INVESTIGATING COMMISSION THAT ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY?

A. YES, WE ARE COOPERATING WITH IT.

(IF ASKED, DEPARTMENT HAS FACILITATED SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS OF THIS COMMISSION WITH SEC OFFICIALS TODAY AND WITH ARA OFFICIALS TOMORROW.) KISSINGER

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